

Honorable Councilpersons, Committee Members and Chair Gabbard,

I am providing my personal testimony in **opposition to Resolution 12-57** urging labeling requirement for genetically engineered food.

There is virtually no public health issue associated with biotech foods and the world's scientific institutions, including the American Medical Association, the National Academy of Sciences and the World Health Organization, have found biotechnology to be at least as safe as, in some cases safer than conventional and organic food supplies. Required labeling is intended to provide information relevant to health, safety and nutrition, none of these apply in the case of biotech foods!

What remains is the subject of overzealous philosophical positioning, or fear based marketing advantage, both of which are served handily by voluntary labeling – advertising.

Please keep your decision making science based and in the best interest of our community as a whole. Do not increase our food costs further by promoting the fear based agenda of certain food marketers.

Respectfully submitted,

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